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### ***Appointees Now Confirmed for CDA Commissions***

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – Appointees to two important agricultural commissions are now confirmed. Both members are appointed by Gov. John Hickenlooper and confirmed by the State Senate.

#### **State Agricultural Commission**

The State Agricultural Commission formulates policy with respect to the management of the Colorado Department of Agriculture. The Commission is a group of nine agricultural leaders and are responsible for making recommendations to the Commissioner, the Governor and the General Assembly regarding agricultural issues within the state; developing policies for preparing and enforcing rules and regulations related to agriculture; reviewing and approving all rules and regulations prior to adoption by the Commissioner; and approving and monitoring the agriculture department's budget.

***Segundo S. Diaz, of Alamosa***, is the Commission's newest member and has been appointed for a term expiring March 1, 2015. He serves as an Unaffiliated and Agricultural District Three member. Diaz replaces Ernest D. Ford of Center.

Diaz grows certified seed potatoes and malting barley on his San Luis Valley farm with his family. Diaz, originally from Peru, received his BA in Ag Engineering, obtained a Master's degree in Irrigation Engineering from Utah State University and an MBA from Adams State College.

### **State Board of Stock Inspection**

The State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners makes rules regarding brand inspection and livestock laws and regulates fees for stock inspections. The commission also sets service charges and procedures, administers the Estray Fund, licenses public livestock markets, and secures bond and surety on butchers and slaughterers.

***Daniel Patrick McCarty, of Parachute***, was appointed to the Brand Board in May 2013, which was after the legislative session. He was recently confirmed by the State Senate. He serves as a representative of the non-confinement cattle industry. McCarty's term expires May 1, 2017.

McCarty is a Colorado native and is the Associate Director of the Livestock Marketing Council and Field Services with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and operates McCarty Cattle Company along with his wife. He received his BS in Farm and Ranch Management from the Colorado State University. He is also a graduate of the Missouri Auction School and a member of several agricultural organizations including the American Gelbvieh Association and the Colorado Cattlemen's Association.

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